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Testimony on Senate Bill 26
Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children’s Health Program, and Social Services Programs – Eligibility and Enrollment
Senate Finance Committee

Position: Favorable

Maryland Nonprofits is a statewide association of more than 1500 nonprofit organizations and institutions. We strongly urge you to support Senate Bill 26 that would automatically grant Medicaid eligibility to children and adults enrolled in Maryland’s Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (“SNAP”).

Based on [Census Bureau data for 2021](#), this would help over 60,000 uninsured Marylanders to get the health coverage they need, including 23,000 Black Marylanders and 28,000 Latinos. Senate Bill 26 can dramatically reduce the levels of uninsured in Maryland while at the same time improving health equity and outcomes across the state.

In addition, this legislation would eliminate paperwork currently required for over half a million SNAP recipients in Maryland to renew their Medicaid benefits, creating administrative savings for Maryland.

Senate Bill 26 would also improve other social determinants of health by streamlining utility assistance enrollment, expanding access to electric assistance, and automatically enrolling seniors into SNAP if they qualify for Supplemental Security Income.

For all these reasons we urge you to give Senate Bill 26 a favorable report.

